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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SLIGHTLY

Statewide unemployment in the actual series declined by 43,700 between July and August, pushing the unemployment rate down from 8.7 percent in July to 8.3 percent in August. The current rate was almost a full percentage point below the year-ago rate of 9.1 percent and was the lowest rate recorded by Texas since April. Total employment declined modestly over the month, to a level of 7,880,000 in mid-August.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	121,615.0	122,105.0	119,470.0
Unemployment	7,088.0	7,453.0	7,955.0
Percent Unemployed	5.8	6.1	6.7
Total Employment	114,527.0	114,652.0	111,515.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,302.0	119,951.0	118,124.0
Unemployment	7,221.0	7,224.0	8,057.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.0	6.8
Total Employment	113,081.0	112,727.0	110,067.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,590.1	8,636.3	8,186.5
Unemployment	710.1	753.8	745.2
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.7	9.1
Total Employment	7,880.0	7,882.5	7,441.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,546.0	8,456.0	8,142.0
Unemployment	718.0	703.0	752.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.3	9.2
Total Employment	7,828.0	7,753.0	7,390.0

Much of the moderate drop in unemployment over the month was the result of unsuccessful summer job seekers leaving the labor force to return to school. The number of Texans who lost or left their last job also decreased in August, indicating a growing stability in the Texas economy. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State was virtually unchanged over the month, inching upward from 8.3 percent in July to 8.4 percent in August. The seasonally adjusted rate was also close to a percentage point below the year-ago rate. The National rate in the seasonally adjusted series was unchanged in August, at 6.0 percent, while the actual U. S. rate dropped from 6.1 to 5.8 percent -- its lowest level since December 1979.

SEASONAL LAYOFFS PUSH NONFARM JOBS TOTAL DOWN

Despite encouraging growth in manufacturing and in construction, the Statewide count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs declined by 7,500 between July and August due to seasonal factors. The mid-August nonfarm salaried jobs total was 6,466,500, still 56,100 below the year-ago total. Seasonal activity also accounted for much of the over-the-month growth in trade and construction.

The largest losses occurred in government, as summer recreational programs wound down and remaining maintenance workers were released by schools. The local sector showed the biggest downturn, as 7,900 jobs were deleted. State government recorded 3,300 layoffs, as temporary summer workers left to return to school. Federal government declined by 1,000, for a total decrease of 12,200 within the government sector.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '87*	July '87**	Aug. '86**	Aug. '87*	July '87**	Aug. '86**	Aug. '87*	July '87**	Aug. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,100	49,300	48,900	77,600	77,400	77,500	347,300	348,500	351,200
Manufacturing	4,800	4,700	4,800	9,800	9,800	9,800	39,700	39,400	40,600
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,400	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,500	4,300	4,100	4,400	19,500	19,400	23,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	5,700	5,700	6,200	11,200	11,200	11,200
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,800	23,400	23,200	23,100	79,500	79,900	81,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,400	4,400	25,200	25,300	25,800
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,800	12,800	16,600	16,800	16,100	83,900	84,100	83,400
Government	7,800	7,900	7,600	12,300	12,200	12,100	87,400	88,300	84,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,800	126,800	128,600	56,500	56,400	56,500	64,600	64,100	64,900
Manufacturing	23,900	24,000	25,200	14,900	15,000	15,700	9,900	9,700	9,700
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,400	100	100	100
Construction	7,500	7,400	7,300	5,800	5,800	5,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,500	10,100	2,200	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,100	3,300
Trade	31,600	31,600	32,400	11,200	11,000	11,500	17,500	17,400	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,700	2,200	2,200	2,100	3,300	3,400	3,400
Services & Misc.	28,500	28,400	28,000	8,000	7,900	7,600	14,400	14,300	13,800
Government	18,700	18,800	18,400	10,900	10,800	10,200	13,500	13,400	13,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,200	46,900	46,400	124,100	125,900	128,800	1,300.2	1,301.5	1,337.4
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,200	11,500	11,600	12,000	222.9	222.8	228.1
Mining	800	900	800	5,300	5,600	6,400	19.0	19.1	20.7
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,200	7,300	7,400	9,100	63.0	63.6	82.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,700	7,500	7,000	7,300	87.3	87.3	87.3
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,200	34,300	34,200	34,500	351.2	350.5	359.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,800	6,800	7,000	130.1	130.8	134.8
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,100	8,000	25,400	27,000	26,300	288.0	286.1	288.6
Government	18,200	18,800	17,500	26,000	26,300	26,200	138.7	139.3	136.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	185,900	184,400	184,000	516,900	515,500	512,300	70,400	69,900	71,900
Manufacturing	36,800	35,500	36,600	115,200	113,700	113,800	8,900	9,100	9,400
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,600	400	400	500
Construction	9,900	9,900	10,200	31,200	30,700	31,700	3,300	3,400	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,100	9,900	28,200	27,900	26,700	4,400	4,400	4,700
Trade	45,900	45,600	45,500	133,900	134,100	137,600	14,400	14,500	14,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,200	10,200	9,800	29,300	29,300	28,900	4,400	4,400	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,500	36,400	35,100	115,200	115,400	111,600	14,000	14,000	13,600
Government	36,500	36,600	36,700	60,500	61,000	58,400	20,600	19,700	20,600

Employers in services cut 4,600 positions over the month, as summer influences waned. The winding down of summer recreational programs sponsored by civic groups was responsible for a large portion of the 3,400 drop in other services and miscellaneous and temporary help agencies also deleted jobs. The largest upturn within services was in health services -- the industry sector which has created the largest number of jobs during the past year -- as doctors added positions to assist in back-to-school physicals and new nursing and personal care facilities were opened.

The downturn in finance, insurance and real estate continued in August, as this sector lost 1,300 jobs. Declines occurred in both banking and in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector, where real estate activity sagged. The upward momentum of the past few months within mining was curtailed in August, as this sector experienced small decreases.

Seasonal influences helped trade between July and August, as employment rose in general merchandise stores in anticipation of back-to-school buying. Eating and drinking places also increased fairly substantially over the month. Despite some smaller declines in other sectors, trade rose by 2,600 in August. The normal summer acceleration of construction activity helped boost employment by 2,100 over the month, but these moderate seasonal increases are unlikely to pull this industry out of its slump.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '87*	July '87**	Aug. '86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,369.9	1,374.2	1,387.6
Manufacturing	150.4	149.6	150.4
Mining	63.9	63.5	68.3
Construction	84.3	84.5	93.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.7	91.6	93.8
Trade	348.7	349.1	359.1
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.6	99.5	104.7
Services & Misc.	353.5	355.3	339.3
Government	179.8	181.1	178.4
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,000	64,000	65,100
Manufacturing	15,000	14,900	15,200
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,100	17,100	17,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	3,300
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,300	11,200
Government	8,100	8,100	7,900
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	43,200	43,500	43,900
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,100
Mining	8,600	8,800	9,400
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	10,800	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,800
Government	5,700	5,800	5,300
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	492,500	491,700	490,600
Manufacturing	46,200	46,000	48,600
Mining	2,500	2,600	2,700
Construction	32,800	31,900	36,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,200	18,600
Trade	132,800	131,900	129,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,500	39,600	38,600
Services & Misc.	117,900	118,200	114,400
Government	102,600	103,300	101,700
TYLER			
TOTAL	60,000	60,200	60,900
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,100
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,200	16,300	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,500
Government	8,300	8,400	8,300
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	50,100
Manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,300
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,100
Government	9,100	9,200	9,000

Industry	Aug. '87*	July '87**	Aug. '86**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	69,000	69,100	68,300
Manufacturing	8,800	8,800	8,900
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,900
Trade	16,500	16,400	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	2,900	3,200
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,600	13,700
Government	19,800	19,900	19,300
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	89,300	89,000	90,500
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,700
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	2,900	2,900	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,400	4,500	4,600
Trade	27,700	27,500	27,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600
Services & Misc.	21,000	20,800	20,500
Government	20,300	20,300	20,000
ODESSA			
TOTAL	43,200	43,400	42,800
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,800
Mining	6,300	6,400	6,100
Construction	2,400	2,400	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	13,200	13,300	13,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,100
Government	6,600	6,700	6,400
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	37,800	37,700	37,700
Manufacturing	11,300	11,300	11,400
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,800	8,800	8,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,300	7,100
Government	4,800	4,800	4,800
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	27,900	28,000	28,600
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	3,100
Mining	1,900	1,800	2,000
Construction	1,900	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	7,900	8,000	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	6,000
Government	4,300	4,400	4,200

Industry	Aug. '87*	July '87**	Aug. '86**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	34,500	34,900	35,000
Manufacturing	2,000	1,900	1,900
Mining	2,200	2,200	1,800
Construction	1,200	1,400	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,000	4,100	3,900
Trade	9,800	9,700	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	7,700	8,000	7,900
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	86,600	86,600	85,200
Manufacturing	12,400	12,500	11,500
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	25,700	25,700	25,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,800	3,900
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,600	13,800
Government	22,700	22,700	22,200
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,200	36,100	36,600
Manufacturing	6,000	5,800	5,700
Mining	600	600	600
Construction	1,800	1,900	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,300
Trade	9,300	9,200	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	7,800
Government	6,000	6,100	5,900
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,000	45,000	45,100
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,300
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,600	1,600	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	11,300	11,200	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,300	8,900
Government	12,100	12,200	11,900
WACO			
TOTAL	76,200	76,600	76,300
Manufacturing	15,000	14,800	15,200
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	4,000	3,900	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,400	3,500
Trade	19,200	19,300	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	18,700	18,800	18,700
Government	11,100	11,500	10,900

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Aug. 1987*	July 1987**	Aug. 1986**	Change From July 1987	Change From Aug. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,466,500	6,474,000	6,522,600	-7,500	-56,100
Manufacturing	961,900	956,400	956,500	5,500	5,400
Durable Goods	558,100	554,200	554,700	3,900	3,400
Lumber & Wood Products	36,500	36,400	37,900	100	-1,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,100	7,000	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	17,400	17,600	400	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,800	44,700	47,800	100	-3,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,200	19,200	21,800	0	-2,600
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,000	28,400	500	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,900	75,200	76,400	700	-500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,300	37,000	38,800	300	-1,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	104,400	103,500	106,900	900	-2,500
Oil Field Machinery	24,200	23,700	26,100	500	-1,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	122,800	122,600	120,300	200	2,500
Transportation Equipment	92,700	91,900	84,500	800	8,200
Aircraft & Parts	53,400	53,000	47,300	400	6,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,100	22,000	21,900	100	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,600	12,500	13,000	100	-400
Nondurable Goods	403,800	402,200	401,800	1,600	2,000
Food & Kindred Products	98,200	97,700	98,400	500	-200
Meat Products	28,000	28,000	27,600	0	400
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Bakery Products	10,700	10,700	10,900	0	-200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	51,400	50,700	51,500	700	-100
Paper & Allied Products	24,000	23,900	22,800	100	1,200
Printing & Publishing	76,300	76,100	76,400	200	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,600	38,600	38,600	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,200	74,500	74,500	-300	-300
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,800	33,000	34,200	-200	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	29,500	29,700	30,800	-200	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,300	7,200	7,200	100	100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,300	34,800	32,800	500	2,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,504,600	5,517,600	5,566,100	-13,000	-61,500
Mining	192,100	192,700	195,600	-600	-3,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,200	10,400	10,800	-200	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	181,900	182,300	184,800	-400	-2,900
Construction	375,300	373,200	416,200	2,100	-40,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	381,900	380,900	375,100	1,000	6,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	22,000	0	-1,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	199,700	198,400	189,500	1,300	10,200
Transportation by Air	57,100	56,700	49,400	400	7,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,000	85,100	86,700	-100	-1,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,400	76,600	76,900	-200	-500
Electric Services	41,900	42,000	43,200	-100	-1,300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,300	26,500	0	800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,663,800	1,661,200	1,686,700	2,600	-22,900
Wholesale Trade	413,700	412,100	423,900	1,600	-10,200
Retail Trade	1,250,100	1,249,100	1,262,800	1,000	-12,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,400	44,800	47,500	-400	-3,100
General Merchandise Stores	171,200	169,100	162,900	2,100	8,300
Food Stores	233,100	233,800	234,000	-700	-900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,700	133,400	138,200	-700	-5,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,400	77,500	82,000	-100	-4,600
Eating & Drinking Places	407,600	406,500	408,800	1,100	-1,200
Other Retail Trade	183,700	184,000	189,400	-300	-5,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	440,000	441,300	451,700	-1,300	-11,700
Banking	96,300	96,700	103,500	-400	-7,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,700	137,700	137,200	0	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,000	206,900	211,000	-900	-5,000
Services	1,374,300	1,378,900	1,374,600	-4,600	-300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,000	86,700	89,600	-700	-3,600
Personal Services	80,800	81,400	80,700	-600	100
Business & Repair Services	361,000	362,400	371,100	-1,400	-10,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,500	52,500	60,300	0	-7,800
Health Services	391,400	390,000	375,700	1,400	15,700
Educational Services	62,500	62,400	59,700	100	2,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	340,100	343,500	337,500	-3,400	2,600
Total Government	1,077,200	1,089,400	1,066,200	-12,200	11,000
Total Federal Government	195,100	196,100	191,600	-1,000	3,500
Total State Government	233,600	236,900	220,200	-3,300	13,400
Total Local Government	648,500	656,400	654,400	-7,900	-5,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,100	57,600	54,800	105,600	105,400	99,200	442,900	444,800	414,900
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,900	5,400	6,800	7,000	6,600	29,600	30,700	23,900
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.5	9.9	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.9	5.8
Total Employment 2/	52,600	52,700	49,400	98,800	98,400	92,600	413,300	414,100	391,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	167,100	168,500	163,600	85,300	85,600	80,900	99,300	99,600	95,000
Total Unemployment	20,600	22,100	23,900	8,200	8,900	9,300	13,600	14,600	14,200
Percent Unemployed	12.3	13.1	14.6	9.6	10.4	11.5	13.7	14.7	14.9
Total Employment 2/	146,500	146,400	139,700	77,100	76,700	71,600	85,700	85,000	80,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,600	59,600	56,200	169,900	172,200	164,700	1,487.6	1,492.6	1,413.4
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,700	3,800	19,000	20,600	20,200	95.8	100.1	80.8
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.2	6.8	11.2	12.0	12.3	6.4	6.7	5.7
Total Employment 2/	55,300	55,900	52,400	150,900	151,600	144,500	1,391.8	1,392.5	1,332.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	242,400	242,000	225,600	712,200	714,100	655,700	114,400	113,800	109,300
Total Unemployment	25,500	26,600	25,100	50,100	53,900	43,100	12,500	12,700	12,100
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.0	11.1	7.0	7.5	6.6	10.9	11.2	11.1
Total Employment 2/	216,900	215,400	200,500	662,100	660,200	612,600	101,900	101,100	97,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,662.3	1,675.7	1,618.7	97,000	97,500	90,000	46,100	47,000	44,400
Total Unemployment	146.5	156.1	176.3	7,500	7,800	7,000	6,600	7,100	7,200
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.3	10.9	7.7	8.0	7.8	14.3	15.1	16.2
Total Employment 2/	1,515.8	1,519.6	1,442.4	89,500	89,700	83,000	39,500	39,900	37,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,500	83,300	81,400	115,900	115,800	109,700	147,300	148,100	138,200
Total Unemployment	8,700	9,300	10,500	7,300	7,800	7,200	26,100	26,600	26,600
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.2	12.9	6.3	6.7	6.6	17.7	18.0	19.2
Total Employment 2/	73,800	74,000	70,900	108,600	108,000	102,500	121,200	121,500	111,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,400	53,200	52,500	57,200	58,300	58,800	47,100	47,400	45,500
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,900	6,500	5,500	6,200	10,600	2,800	2,900	3,300
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.2	12.4	9.6	10.6	18.0	5.9	6.1	7.3
Total Employment 2/	48,000	48,300	46,000	51,700	52,100	48,200	44,300	44,500	42,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	628,200	629,600	577,700	51,600	51,600	48,300	59,100	59,600	56,900
Total Unemployment	50,100	52,300	41,900	3,900	4,100	3,900	4,700	5,000	4,800
Percent Unemployed	8.0	8.3	7.3	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.4
Total Employment 2/	578,100	577,300	535,800	47,700	47,500	44,400	54,400	54,600	52,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,500	80,000	76,400	39,700	39,900	38,900	95,600	96,200	90,100
Total Unemployment	7,000	7,200	7,200	3,300	3,500	4,100	7,800	7,900	7,100
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.0	9.4	8.3	8.8	10.5	8.2	8.2	7.9
Total Employment 2/	72,500	72,800	69,200	36,400	36,400	34,800	87,800	88,300	83,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,100	60,400	56,600				8,590.1	8,636.3	8,186.5
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,600	4,800				710.1	753.8	745.2
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.6	8.5				8.3	8.7	9.1
Total Employment 2/	55,700	55,800	51,800				7,880.0	7,882.5	7,441.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.± 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug.± 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug.± 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 410.18	$ 407.47	$ 401.44	41.6	41.2	41.6	$ 9.86	$ 9.89	$ 9.65
Durable Goods	407.27	396.62	395.01	41.9	41.1	41.8	9.72	9.65	9.45
Lumber & Wood Products	283.79	283.50	288.27	40.6	40.5	41.9	6.99	7.00	6.88
Furniture & Fixtures	277.22	260.95	259.78	41.5	39.3	41.9	6.68	6.64	6.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	388.14	393.33	392.50	42.7	42.8	44.2	9.09	9.19	8.88
Primary Metal Industries	433.24	443.92	422.00	41.3	41.8	40.0	10.49	10.62	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	365.57	364.08	361.58	40.8	41.0	40.4	8.96	8.88	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	420.81	413.51	406.19	41.5	40.7	40.7	10.14	10.16	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	484.22	478.25	462.51	41.6	41.3	39.7	11.64	11.58	11.65
Electric & Electronic Equip.	457.92	442.68	421.42	43.2	42.0	42.1	10.60	10.54	10.01
Transportation Equipment	536.42	492.85	534.97	43.4	40.9	43.6	12.36	12.05	12.27
Instruments & Related Prod.	368.83	358.49	348.43	40.8	40.1	40.8	9.04	8.94	8.54
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	265.69	267.50	260.65	38.9	38.6	40.1	6.83	6.93	6.50
Nondurable Goods	414.65	420.43	411.27	41.3	41.3	41.5	10.04	10.18	9.91
Food & Kindred Products	347.36	344.86	347.62	41.8	41.3	42.6	8.31	8.35	8.16
Meat Products	282.49	283.98	278.72	41.3	41.7	41.6	6.84	6.81	6.70
Malt Beverages	839.45	919.51	892.72	47.4	51.6	51.1	17.71	17.82	17.47
Textile Mill Products	328.51	321.48	307.00	45.5	44.9	44.3	7.22	7.16	6.93
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	202.39	195.28	188.42	37.9	36.5	36.8	5.34	5.35	5.12
Paper & Allied Products	458.15	458.05	444.79	42.5	42.1	43.1	10.78	10.88	10.32
Printing & Publishing	382.40	388.09	385.49	39.1	39.4	39.7	9.78	9.85	9.71
Chemicals & Allied Products	646.05	662.49	629.16	42.7	43.3	42.8	15.13	15.30	14.70
Petroleum & Coal Products	645.22	667.04	685.54	42.9	44.0	44.2	15.04	15.16	15.51
Petroleum Refining	669.24	693.69	715.28	42.9	44.1	44.4	15.60	15.73	16.11
Leather & Leather Products	222.80	226.64	215.08	40.0	40.4	37.8	5.57	5.61	5.69
Other Nondurable Goods	389.83	394.72	383.69	43.9	44.4	43.9	8.88	8.89	8.74
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	481.85	499.15	520.99	40.8	41.7	43.2	11.81	11.97	12.06
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	552.64	546.02	488.46	45.9	45.2	42.0	12.04	12.08	11.63
Oil & Gas Extraction	476.72	496.34	523.93	40.4	41.5	43.3	11.80	11.96	12.10
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	487.12	484.27	483.19	39.7	39.5	39.9	12.27	12.26	12.11
Elec., Gas & San. Services	451.49	441.28	429.68	39.5	39.4	41.0	11.43	11.20	10.48
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.07	228.53	227.92	33.2	32.6	32.7	6.99	7.01	6.97
Wholesale Trade	384.54	381.81	380.56	39.4	39.0	39.6	9.76	9.79	9.61
Retail Trade	186.83	182.97	180.26	31.4	30.7	30.5	5.95	5.96	5.91
General Merchandise Stores	192.40	189.44	188.55	29.6	29.6	29.6	6.50	6.40	6.37
Banking	271.43	248.16	266.58	38.5	35.3	37.6	7.05	7.03	7.09

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 408.94	$ 402.68	$ 402.05	41.9	41.3	42.5	$ 9.76	$ 9.75	$ 9.46
Durable Goods	438.44	433.67	425.15	42.9	42.6	42.6	10.22	10.18	9.98
Nondurable Goods	358.58	349.44	362.93	40.2	39.0	42.3	8.92	8.96	8.58
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	404.33	393.31	406.16	40.8	40.8	41.7	9.91	9.64	9.74
Durable Goods	426.13	407.84	427.14	40.7	40.3	42.0	10.47	10.12	10.17
Nondurable Goods	350.51	356.97	350.47	40.9	41.8	40.8	8.57	8.54	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	483.52	480.38	476.00	43.6	43.2	42.5	11.09	11.12	11.20
Durable Goods	416.98	410.92	403.92	43.8	43.3	41.9	9.52	9.49	9.64
Nondurable Goods	557.27	557.28	560.30	43.3	43.1	43.2	12.87	12.93	12.97
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	312.58	308.48	301.51	40.7	39.6	40.8	7.68	7.79	7.39
Durable Goods	340.29	340.42	326.43	39.8	39.4	40.5	8.55	8.64	8.06
Nondurable Goods	285.23	275.92	277.69	41.7	39.7	41.2	6.84	6.95	6.74

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Increased business within trucking and warehousing and water transportation pushed employment up in transportation and public utilities by 1,000 in August. Despite one airline closing during the month, air transportation was up due to vacation travel.

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Manufacturing contributed more new jobs over the month than any other major industry group, adding 5,500 positions in August. The gains were spread through both durable and nondurable goods, but over two-thirds of the increase was generated by durable goods. Every major industry group within this sector recorded at least a minimal increase in August. The largest growth was in nonelectrical machinery, where jobs were added in several sectors, including oil field machinery. The recall of workers laid off during retooling in motor vehicles pushed employment up in transportation equipment. Other notable gains occurred in fabricated metal industries and in primary metal industries. Gains and losses were interspersed in nondurable goods, with moderate-sized increases in apparel and other finished textile products and in food and kindred products overcoming smaller declines for an advance of 1,600.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE WHILE HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE

There were an estimated 620,600 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-August, up 6,900 from the July figure. The average worker in August worked a 41.6-hour week at $9.86 per hour, for average weekly earnings totaling $410.18. Average weekly hours increased by 0.4 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings dropped 3¢ due to less overtime worked at premium pay. Even though average hourly earnings dropped, the advance in hours worked pushed average weekly earnings up by $2.71 in August. Compared to August 1986, average hourly earnings had risen by 21¢ but average weekly hours were unchanged. Average weekly earnings for production workers had risen by $8.74 over the year.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
2ND QUARTER 1987
April - June 1987

Abilene	$ 1,893,974
Amarillo	2,441,056
Austin	13,266,796
Beaumont-Port Arthur	9,025,373
Brazoria PMSA	3,112,145
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,683,646
Bryan-College Station	1,447,044
Corpus Christi	7,145,861
Dallas PMSA	42,099,862
El Paso	8,090,216
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	23,350,943
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,650,257
Houston PMSA	62,671,699
Killeen-Temple	2,145,229
Laredo	1,801,456
Longview-Marshall	3,129,657
Lubbock	2,152,242
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,912,751
Midland	2,139,540
Odessa	2,454,852
San Angelo	1,014,214
San Antonio	17,504,680
Sherman-Denison	1,681,286
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,060,873
Tyler	2,586,753
Victoria	1,301,102
Waco	3,680,011
Wichita Falls	2,045,205
State of Texas	277,070,290

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1987	Aug. 1986
Total Population	16,851,000	16,695,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.2	2.7
UI Covered Employers	315,218	315,457
Total Claims Actions	600,979	816,183
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,654	81,373
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	540,325	734,810
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.36	$159.50
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$77,587,349	$108,318,851
Total Placements	25,553	28,338

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